

Islip, NY – Islip Town's Pump-out Boat Program was recently designated as an Environmental Excellence Award winner by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC).

The Town's program — one of only four winners statewide — recently completed its third full season of operations.

"Keeping recreational boat sewage out of the Great South Bay's waters is significant if we wish to restore the once-viable shellfish industry there," stated Christopher Andrade, Commissioner of the Town of Islip Department of Environmental Control. "This free-of-charge program performs this essential task."

Pictured (left to right) are Peter Scully, Long Island Regional Director, NYSDEC; Alexander "Pete" Grannis, Commissioner, NYSDEC; and Commissioner Andrade.